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- 1. The exploitation of a new cilfield in the Lake Shable area (N 43-32, E 28-32), which is said to be a branch of the Baku cilfields of the Soviet Union extending under the Black Sea, was begun in the spring of 1952. The prospecting was started in 1950 under the direction of Soviet engineers.
- 2. The wells are being exploited by Bulgarian labor under Soviet supervision. At present, 20 derricks have been installed, and additional equipment for the erection of new derricks continues to arrive from Rumania.
- 3. The area is not served by a railway. Coal from the Pernik Mines east of Sofia, which is used to operate the steam-driven derrick engines and other machinery, is delivered via Dobrich by motor columns operating 24 hours a day.
- 4. Rumor states that a new city consisting mainly of workers! dwellings will be built in the area. A reliway is to be built to connect Dobrich with Shabla. A navigable channel is to make lake Shabla accessible to ships of larger tomage arriving from the Black Sea, and a petroleum port is to be built on the lake.
- 5. The crude oil is sent to Rumania for refining because Bulgaria has no suitable refinery. the cost of constructing a refinery would be 25X1 **excessively expensive.**

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